to report progress on the implementation of the Scheme, as funds for the same have been released towards the end of March, 2006. During 2006-07, provision of Rs. 520.00 crore has been made in the budget and Annual Action Plan of 10 States have been approved for an amount of Rs. 207.29 crore to cover an area 1.90 lakh hectares. It is expected that an area of 6.2 lakh hectares will be covered under Micro Irrigation by the end of Xth Plan.

Vaccine for bird flu

*269. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed an indigenous vaccine against the deadly disease 'bird flu'; and

(b) if so, by when the vaccine is likely to be available on commercial scale and how its market price would compare to the price of imported vaccine for the disease?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps have been initiated for the availability of indigenous vaccine. The cost of indigenous vaccine would be around one third of the cost of imported vaccine.

Exclusion of poor from PDS

*270. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission during the year 2005, after an evaluation of Public Distribution System, found that 57 per cent of the poor had been actually excluded from PDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to rectify the above;

(c) whether there is any proposal to return to the universal PDS; and

(d) the number of people covered under targeted PDS for the last five years, State-wise, year-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO) of the Planning Commission took up the study of evaluation of the performance of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) covering 18 main States of the country. In its report the PEO observed as under:—

> Though the off-take per household has shown some improvement under TPDS, yet only about 57% of the BPL households are covered in terms of off-take.

A copy of the PEO report was forwarded to all States Governments and UT Administrations to take necessary action. The findings of the report were discussed in five Regional Conferences held during 2005-06, and State Food Minister's/State Food Secretary's Conference held on 29.03.2006 under the Chairmanship of Minister of Agriculture, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. Subsequently in a meeting held on 08.05.2006 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (R&PD) an Action Plan was drawn. The Action Plan includes review of BPL/AAY list to eliminate ghost cards; strict action should be taken against the guilty to ensure leakage free distribution of foodgrains; active involvement of elected memebrs of Panchayati Raj -institutions (PRIs); BPL/AAY lists should be displayed on all FPSs; posting of allocation and distribution of foodgrains on website for public scrutiny; door step delivery of foodgrains at FPS; timely availability of foodgrains at FPS level; training of memebrs of FPS level Vigilance Committees; and computerization of TPDS operations be undertaken. The States/UTs were requested to implement the Action Plan to strengthen the TPDS and to curb diversion.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The allocation of foodgrains under TPDS is made on the basis of number of household estimated on the basis of poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for 1993-94 projected on the population projection of Registrar General as on 01.03.2000 or the number of ration cards issued by the State Government whichever is less. A Statement indicating the estimated number of families and Ration Cards issued by States/UTs under TPDS for the last five years, State-wise, year-wise and category-wise is annexed as per Statement.

Statement

Estimated no. of families & ration cards issued by states/UTs under TPDs.

(Figures in lakhs)

States/UTs	Estimated no of families as on 1.3.2000			2001	Number of ration cards issued by the State/UT 2002				2004	2033		2005					
	APL	BPL	AAY	Total	APL	BPL*	APL	BPL*	APL	BPL	MY	APL	BPL	AAY	APL	BPL	AAY
Andhra Pradesh	117.58	2505	1558	158.21	53.97	113.60	53.97	10505	53.97	9882	6,23	5397	9882	623	5872	12812	1234
Arunachal Pradesh	143	0.61	038	2.42	2.73	0.95	273	0.99	2.65	084	015	265	0.84	0.15	268	069	030
Assam	26.57	11 32	704	44.93	25.72	18.84	34.45	1894	3445	16.01	2.81	34.46	1611	281	34.63	14 79	412
Bihar	53.56	4022	25.01	118.79	88.74	84.26	52.20	71.63	5220	61.64	1000	5220	61 64	10.00	5220	61.64	10.00
Chhattisgarh	2536	11.56	719	44.11			24.81	20.99	25.94	14.86	431	2594	1486	4.31	25.94	1348	5.69
Delhi	23 73	2.52	1.57	27 82	36.55	N.A	34.04	334	34.00	406	031	3077	402	032	3601	381	0.56
Goa	2.72	0.30	018	3.20	3.04	0.13	300	023	296	024	006	304	019	0.07	309	0.17	011
Gujarat	66.37	13.07	8.13	87.57	7283	3375	71.64	35.64	6553	32.78	11 36	65.53	32.78	11 36	78.12	3092	515
Haryana	23.59	4.87	302	31.48	37.68	5.54	3661	799	3680	6.89	1.14	36.84	687	1 18	36.88	6.30	1.82
Himachal Pradesh	743	317	1 97	1257	930	3.11	1040	298	1049	212	080	1051	2 12	0.81	1049	1.80	1.18
Jammu & Kashmir	1066	454	282	18.02	10.12	3.36	1094	7.36	10,94	6.23	1 13	10.94	623	113	10.94	5.67	1.69
Jharkhand	19.62	1476	9.18	4356			5.15	2394	5.15	2028	366	515	20.28	366	5.15	1668	727
Karnataka	63.08	19.29	12.00	94.37	49.43	63,26	46.71	6387	47.24	60.32	480	4577	6352	720	42.65	6063	9.50
Kerala	4556	958	5.96	61.10	4305	20,40	43.61	20.29	4316	1744	272	43.56	17 12	306	44.91	15.50	4.72
Madhya Pradesh	5578	25.43	15.82	97.03	13418	43.65	8228	5671	82.27	45,73	631	82.27	4573	631	8227	4059	11.46
Maharashtra	111.93	4029	25.05	177.27	139.45	56.70	14320	7472	144.84	64,45	10.02	14738	6359	10.02	147 38	53.76	1984

	APL	BPL	MY	Total	APL	BPL*	APL	BPL*	APL	BPL	AAY	APL	BPL	AAY	APL	BPL	AAY
Manipur	2.41	1.02	064	4.07	1.13	067	1.89	1.30	1.89	1.03	025	1.89	1.03	025	1.89	1.03	026
Meghalaya	266	1.13	0.70	4.49	0.98	0.97	1.07	1.83	1.07	1.55	028	1.07	1.55	028	266	1.41	042
Mizoram	0.99	0.42	026	1.67	1.62	0.68	1.71	0.66	1.61	0.58	0.10	1.61	0.58	0.10	1.62	0.48	021
Nagaland	1.78	0.77	0.47	3.02	1.05	0.96	1.95	124	0.75	1.05	0.19	075	1.05	019	1.83	086	0.38
Orissa	3493	20.34	1264	6791	39.85	41.23	30.61	48.41	30.61	43.35	505	30.61	43.35	5.05	30.61	39.00	995
Punjab	35.08	2.89	179	39.76	50.10	5.02	48.19	7.04	4755	6.42	0.72	47.57	6.42	0.72	48.01	6.42	072
Rajasthan	64.36	14.99	9.32	8867	81.36	2287	96.47	2280	98.65	19.07	3.73	100.77	19.10	415	104.10	1597	717
Sikkim	062	0.27	0.16	1.05	0.66	(APL+ BPL)	0.89	0.37	0.89	0.30	007	0.89	0.33	0.10	0.89	0.33	0.10
Tamil Nadu**	90.19	2998	18.65	138.82	95.50	65.51		168.30	161.14	(APL+ BPL)	7.16	161.14		7.16	153.78		14.52
Tripura	427	1.82	1.13	722	4.50	228	4.18	295	421	2.50	0.45	4.30	2.50	0.45	432	227	0.68
Uttar Pradesh	154.63	6584	4095	261.42	159.96	95.48	27400	106.79	27400	9042	1637	27400	9042	16.37	27400	74.37	3242
Utaranchal	721	3.07	1.91	1219			16.99	4.98	16.99	422	0.76	16.99	422	0.76	16.99	422	076
West Bengal***	93.44	31.93	19.85	145.23	112.07	46.88	11244	46.92	112.81	4246	5.84	112.81	41.46	5.84	113.58	34.90	1239
Andaman & Nicobar	0.53	0.17	0.11	0.81	0.74	0.12	0.71	0.15	0.71	0.11	0.04	0.72	0.11	0.04	0.74	0.12	0.04
Chandigarh	1.80	0.14	009	203	2.12	0.00	216	0.13	2.18	0.05	0.02	218	0.04	0.01	219	004	0.03
D&N Haveli	0.18	0.11	0.07	0.36	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.13	0.03	0.17	0.13	0.03	028	0.13	0.03
Daman & Diu	022	0.02	0.02	026	028	0.02	027	0.04	025	0.03	0.01	025	0.03	0.01	025	0.04	0.01
Lakshdweep	0.08	002	0.01	0.11	0.13	NA	0.13	0.01	0.13	0.01	0.00	0.13	0.01	0.00	0.13	001	0.00
Pondicherry	1.40	0.52	0.32	224	1.72	0.95	1.77	0.96	1.81	0.87	0.10	0.81	0.87	010	1.82	0.75	022
TOTAL	1151.75	40203	250.00	1803.78	1260.73	731.35	1251.34	929.71	1410.01	665.86	106.98	1410.63	66792	11023	1431.75	636.90	176.05

Note: Includes AAY ration cards

**Separate figures of APL/BPL cards in Tamil Nadu are not available as there is no categorisation of APL/BPL in the States.

The State Govt has issued individual ration cards 5 individual ration cards have been taken as one family card.